GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:621
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2015
NH PROJECTS IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS
Adsul Shri Anandrao ;Gupta Shri Sudheer;Jena Shri Rabindra Kumar;Kachhadia Shri Naranbhai;Kirtikar Shri Gajanan Chandrakant;Kodikunnil Shri Suresh;Paswan Shri Chirag;Patil Shri Shivaji Adhalrao;Ranjan (Pappu Yadav) Shri Rajesh;Ranjan Smt. Ranjeet;Rathod Shri Dipsinh Shankarsinh;Reddy Shri Ch. Malla;Reddy Shri Mekapati Rajamohan;Shinde Dr. Shrikant Eknath;Shrirang Shri Chandu Barne;Singh Shri Kunwar Haribansh;Sonker Smt. Neelam;Subbareddy Shri Yerram Venkata;Yadav Shri Dharmendra;Yadav Shri Jay Prakash Narayan

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the national highway projects approved by the Government in the naxal affected areas of the country during the last three years including their status;

(b) whether the Government has approved Road Requirement Plan (RRP) for development of roads in naxal affected areas in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of proposals from States received/ approved/pending with the Government for the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced in construction/ maintenance works in naxalite affected areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon including requesting the Ministry of Home Affairs for Rs. 12,000 crore for construction of roads in these areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (c) The details of 208 projects sanctioned as per the approved Road Requirement Plan(RRP) are Annexed.

(d) & (e) Yes Madam. To remove hurdles in execution of RRP projects, this Ministry has requested State Governments to constitute District Level Coordination Committee headed by District Magistrate comprising of District Superintendent of Police, Central Armed Police Forces, State PWD and Contractor to plan and proceed with the area Domination by Armed Forces, in the areas affected by law and order problems. The Central Government had notified relaxation requiring general approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for construction/development of roads involving not more than 5.00 hectares of forest land in each case in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas. The qualification criteria of the contractors have been relaxed by the Ministry in December 2012 to encourage larger participation of local contractors for LWE works where there is no response despite repeated calls.